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## **1** Introduction

#### 1.1 Background

The Civil Engineering and Development Department (CEDD) is managing a number of marine disposal facilities in Hong Kong waters, including the Contaminated Mud Pits (CMPs) to the East of Sha Chau (ESC) for the disposal of contaminated sediment, and various open-sea disposal grounds located to the South of Cheung Chau (SCC), East of Tung Lung Chau (ETLC) and East of Ninepins (ENP) for the disposal of uncontaminated sediment.

Environmental Permits (EPs) (Ref. No. EP-312/2008/A) was issued by the Environmental Protection Department (EPD) to the CEDD, the Permit Holder, on 28 November 2008 for the Project - Disposal of Contaminated Sediment – Dredging, Management and Capping of Sediment Disposal Facility at Sha Chau.

Under the requirements of the EP, EM&A programmes which encompass water and sediment chemistry, fisheries assessment, tissue and whole body analysis, sediment toxicity and benthic recolonisation studies as set out in the EM&A Manuals are required to be implemented. EM&A programmes have been continuously carried out during the operation of the CMPs at ESC. A review of the collection and analysis of such environmental data from the monitoring programme demonstrated that there had not been any adverse environmental impacts resulting from disposal activities.<sup>1,2</sup> The current programme will assess the impacts resulting from dredging, disposal and capping operations of CMP V.

A proposal on the change of number of sample replication of water quality and sediment monitoring as well as combination of routine water quality monitoring and water quality monitoring during capping operation was submitted to EPD and agreed by EPD on 3 December 2020. The proposed changes have been effective for the EM&A activities since December 2020. In early 2022, after implementing the Phase 1 optimisation for at least one year, a further data review was conducted. The monitoring data has been reviewed and demonstrated that the data robustness and representativeness are maintained. Therefore, a technical note presenting the data review results served as a supplementary information was submitted to EPD and presented that Phase 2 optimization of sample replication of water quality and sediment monitoring for the Project will be implemented in 2022. EPD expressed no comment on the review and note the implementation of Phase 2 optimization of sample replication on 18 May 2022, and thus this optimization has been effective for the EM&A activities since July 2022.

The latest sampling schedule is provided in Appendix A.

The present EM&A programme under Agreement No. CE 59/2020 (EP) covers the dredging, disposal and capping operations of the ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the EM&A programme.) Detailed works schedule for ESC CMP V is shown in **Table 1.1**. In August 2023, the following works were undertaken:

- Disposal of contaminated mud at ESC CMP Vb; and
- Capping operations at ESC CMP Vd.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ERM (2013) Final Report. Submitted under Agreement No. CE 4/2009 (EP) Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pit at East Sha Chau. For CEDD.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> ERM (2017) Final Report. Submitted under Agreement No. CE 23/2012 (EP) Environmental Monitoring and Audit for Contaminated Mud Pits to the South of The Brothers and at East Sha Chau (2012 - 2017). For CEDD.

#### Table 1.1: Works Schedule for ESC CMP V



#### **1.2 Reporting Period**

This *Monthly EM&A Report for Contaminated Mud Pits to the East of Sha Chau – August 2023* covers the EM&A activities for the reporting period of August 2023 (from 1 to 31 August 2023).

#### **1.3 Details of Sampling and Laboratory Testing Activities**

The following monitoring activities were undertaken for ESC CMP V during the reporting period:

- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs;
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb;
- Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs;
- Sediment Toxicity Tests of ESC CMP V; and
- Demersal Trawling for ESC CMPs.

#### 1.4 Details of Outstanding Sampling or Analysis

No outstanding sampling remained for the reporting month (August 2023). The following analyses are in progress and will be presented in the corresponding quarterly report:

- Species identification of the biota samples collection from Demersal Trawling for ESC CMPs in August 2023; and
- Sediment Toxicity Tests of ESC CMPs in August 2023.

## 2 Brief Discussion of Monitoring Results for ESC CMP V

#### 2.1 Introduction

This section presents a brief discussion of the results obtained from the following monitoring activities for ESC CMP V during the reporting period:

- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs;
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb;
- Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs;
- Sediment Toxicity Tests of ESC CMP V; and
- Demersal Trawling for ESC CMPs;

#### 2.2 Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb – in August 2023

Water Column Profiling was undertaken at a total of two sampling stations (Upstream and Downstream stations) on 4 August 2023. The monitoring results have been assessed for compliance with the Water Quality Objectives (WQOs) set by Environmental Protection Department (EPD). This consists of a review of the EPD routine water quality monitoring data for the wet season period (April to October) of 2012 – 2021 from stations in the North Western Water Control Zone (WCZ), where the ESC CMPs are located.<sup>3</sup> For Salinity, the averaged value obtained from the Reference (Upstream) station was used for the basis as the WQO. Levels of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) and Turbidity were also assessed for compliance with the Action and Limit Levels (see **Table B1** of **Appendix B** for details).

#### 2.2.1 In-situ Measurements

Analyses of results for August 2023 indicated that levels of Salinity, pH and DO complied with the WQOs at both Downstream and Upstream stations (**Table B2** of **Appendix B**). Levels of DO and Turbidity at all stations complied with the Action and Limit Levels (**Tables B1 and B2** of **Appendix B**).

#### 2.2.2 Laboratory Measurements for Suspended Solids (SS)

Analyses of results for August 2023 indicated that the SS level at both Upstream and Downstream stations complied with the WQO and the Action and Limit Levels (**Tables B1 and B2** of **Appendix B**).

Overall, the monitoring results indicated that the mud disposal operation at ESC CMP Vb did not appear to cause any deterioration in water quality during this reporting period.

#### 2.3 Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs – in August 2023

Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs was undertaken on 7 August 2023. The monitoring results have been assessed for compliance with the WQOs (see **Section 2.2** above for details). The monitoring results are shown in **Tables B3**, **B4** and **B5** of **Appendix B** and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> <u>http://epic.epd.gov.hk/EPICRIVER/marine/?lang=en</u>

**Figures 1 to 11** of **Appendix C**. A total of ten (10) monitoring stations were sampled in August 2023 as shown in **Figure 2.1**.

#### 2.3.1 In-situ Measurements

Graphical presentation of the monitoring results (Temperature, DO, pH, Salinity and Turbidity) is shown in **Figures 1 to 6** of **Appendix C**. Analyses of results indicated that the levels of pH, Salinities and DO complied with the WQOs at all stations in August 2023. The levels of DO and Turbidity complied with the Action and Limit Levels at all stations (**Table B3** of **Appendix B**; **Figures 3 and 6** of **Appendix C**).

Overall, *in-situ* measurement results of the Routine Water Quality Monitoring indicated that the disposal and capping operation at ESC CMPs did not appear to cause any unacceptable impacts in water quality in August 2023.

#### 2.3.2 Laboratory Measurements

Laboratory analysis of samples obtained during the reporting period indicated that the concentrations of Arsenic, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Lead, Mercury, Nickel and Zinc were detected in the samples at some/ all stations and their concentrations were generally similar across stations; except the concentrations of Zinc were slightly higher at Ma Wan (MW1) station. The concentrations of Lead were only detected at Reference (RFF) station. (Table B4 of Appendix B; Figure 7 and 8 of Appendix C).

For nutrients, concentrations of Total Inorganic Nitrogen (TIN) were higher than the WQO (0.5 mg/L) at all stations. (**Table B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 9** of **Appendix C**). It should be noted that due to the effect of the Pearl River, the North Western WCZ has historically experienced higher levels of TIN.<sup>4</sup> Therefore, the exceedances of TIN WQO at these stations are unlikely to be caused by the disposal operation at ESC CMPs. The concentration of Ammonia Nitrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>-N) were generally similar across all stations. (**Table B5** of **Appendix B**; **Figure 9** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>) were below limit of reporting at all stations. (**Table B5** of **Appendix B**).

Analyses of results for the reporting period indicated that the SS levels complied with the wet season WQO (11.7 mg/L)and Action and Limit Levels at all stations. (Tables B1 and B5 of Appendix B; Figure 10 of Appendix C).

Based on the available results of the Routine Water Quality Monitoring which indicated that the disposal and capping operation at ESC CMPs did not appear to cause any unacceptable deterioration in water quality during the reporting period. Detailed statistical analysis will be presented in the Quarterly EM&A Report to investigate any spatial and temporal trends of potential concern.

#### 2.4 Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb – in August 2023

Monitoring locations for Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for ESC CMP Vb are shown in **Figure 2.2**. A total of six (6) monitoring stations were sampled on 2 August 2023.

The concentrations of most inorganic contaminants were lower than the Lower Chemical Exceedance Levels (LCELs) at all stations, except for Arsenic. The concentrations of Arsenic were higher than the LCEL at Near-Pit station ESC-NNCA, Pit-Edge station ESC-NECA, Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB. (Figures 11 and 12 of Appendix C).

Whilst the average concentration of Arsenic in the Earth's crust is generally ~2mg/kg, significantly higher Arsenic concentrations (median = 14 mg/kg) have been recorded in Hong Kong's onshore

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://www.epd.gov.hk/epd/misc/marine\_quality/1986-2005/eng/08\_western\_content.htm

sediments.<sup>5</sup> It is presumed that the natural concentrations of Arsenic are similar in onshore and offshore sediments,<sup>6</sup> and relatively high Arsenic levels may thus occur throughout Hong Kong. Therefore, the LCEL exceedances of Arsenic are unlikely to be caused by the disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb but rather as a result of naturally occurring deposits.

For organic contaminants, the concentrations of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) were higher at Active-Pit station ESC-NPCA. (Figure 13 of Appendix C). The concentrations of Low Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs) were higher than LCEL at Active-Pit station ESC-NPCA. (Figures 14 of Appendix C).

For High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), the concentrations were higher than LCEL at Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB. (**Figures 14** of **Appendix C**).

The concentrations of Tributyltin (TBT), Total Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs), Total dichlorodiphenyl-trichloroethane (DDT) and 4,4'-dichlorodiphenyldichloroethylene (DDE) were below the limit of reporting at all stations during the reporting period.

Considering that the higher levels of Low Molecular Weight and High Molecular Weight PAHs are only occurred within Active-Pit stations ESC-NPCA and ESC-NPCB only, there is no evidence indicating any unacceptable environmental impacts to sediment quality outside the pit area as a result of the contaminated mud disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb during the reporting period.

Statistical analysis will be undertaken and presented in the corresponding Quarterly EM&A Report to investigate whether there are any unacceptable impacts in the area caused by the contaminated mud disposal.

#### 2.5 Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMPs – in August 2023

Monitoring locations for Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry for ESC CMPs are shown in **Figure 2.3**. A total of nine (9) monitoring stations were sampled on 3 August 2023.

Analyses of results for the Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring indicated that the concentrations of most inorganic contaminants were below the LCEL at most stations during the reporting period, except concentrations of Arsenic were higher than the LCEL at Near-field stations ESC-RNB1, Mid-field stations ESC-RMA, and Far-field stations ESC-RFA, ESC-RFB. (Figures 15 and 16 of Appendix C). As discussed in Section 2.4, the LCEL exceedances of Arsenic are unlikely to be caused by the disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb but rather as a result of naturally occurring deposits.

For organic contaminants, the concentration of TOC was higher at Far-field ESC-RFB stations (**Figure 17** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of High Molecular Weight PAHs were higher at Capped Pit ESC-RCB1 stations, while the concentrations of Low Molecular Weight PAHs were similar across stations. (**Figure 18** of **Appendix C**)

The concentrations of TBT were higher at Ma Wan station MW1 and Capped Pit station ESC-RCA1 (**Figure 19** of **Appendix C**). The concentrations of Total PCBs, Total DDT, 4,4'-DDE, 2,4'-DDT, 4,4'-DDT were below the limit of reporting at all stations during the reporting period.

Overall, there is no evidence indicating any unacceptable environmental impacts to sediment quality as a result of the contaminated mud disposal operations at ESC CMP Vb during the reporting period. Statistical analysis will be undertaken and presented in the corresponding

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Sewell RJ (1999) Geochemical Atlas of Hong Kong. Geotechnical Engineering Office, Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Whiteside PGD (2000) Natural geochemistry and contamination of marine sediments in Hong Kong. In: The Urban Geology of Hong Kong (ed. Page A & Reels SJ). Geological Society of Hong Kong Bulletin No. 6, p109-121

Quarterly EM&A Report to investigate whether there are any unacceptable impacts in the area caused by the contaminated mud disposal.

## 3 Future Key Issues

#### 3.1 Activities Scheduled for the Next Reporting Period

The following monitoring activities will be conducted in the next reporting period of September 2023 for ESC CMP V (see **Appendix A** for the sampling schedule):

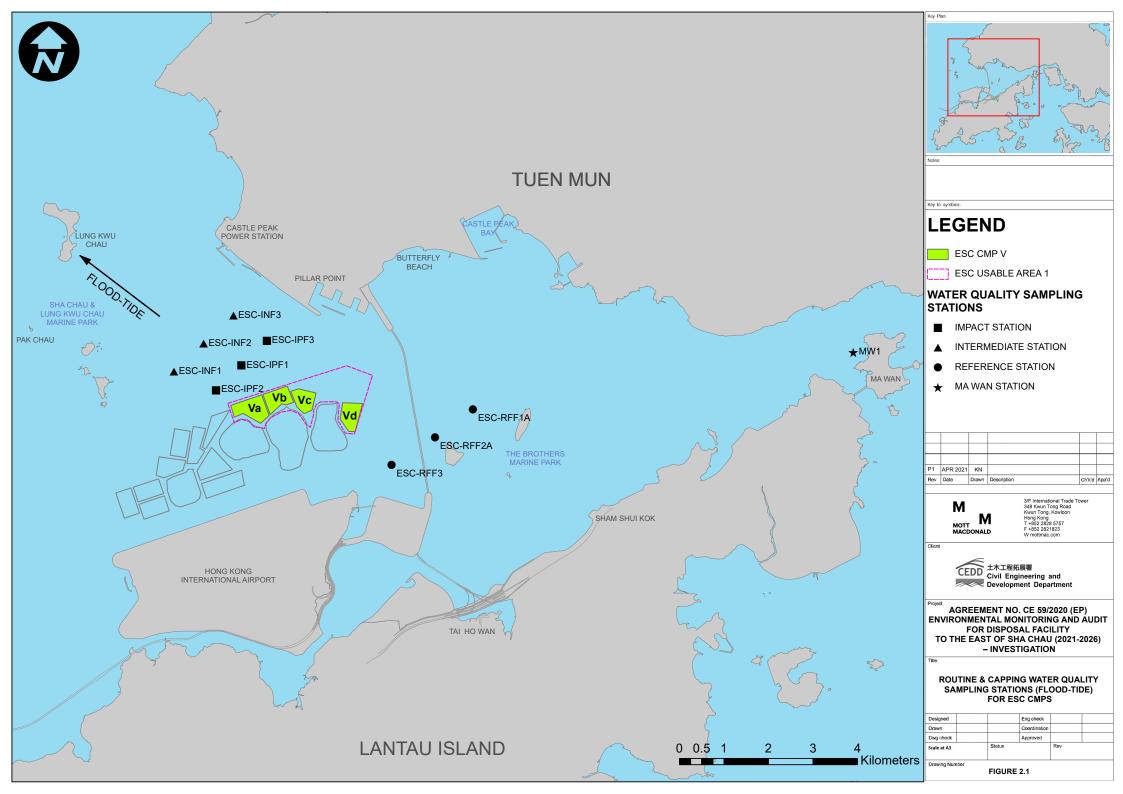
- Water Column Profiling of ESC CMP Vb;
- Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs; and
- Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry of ESC CMP Vb.

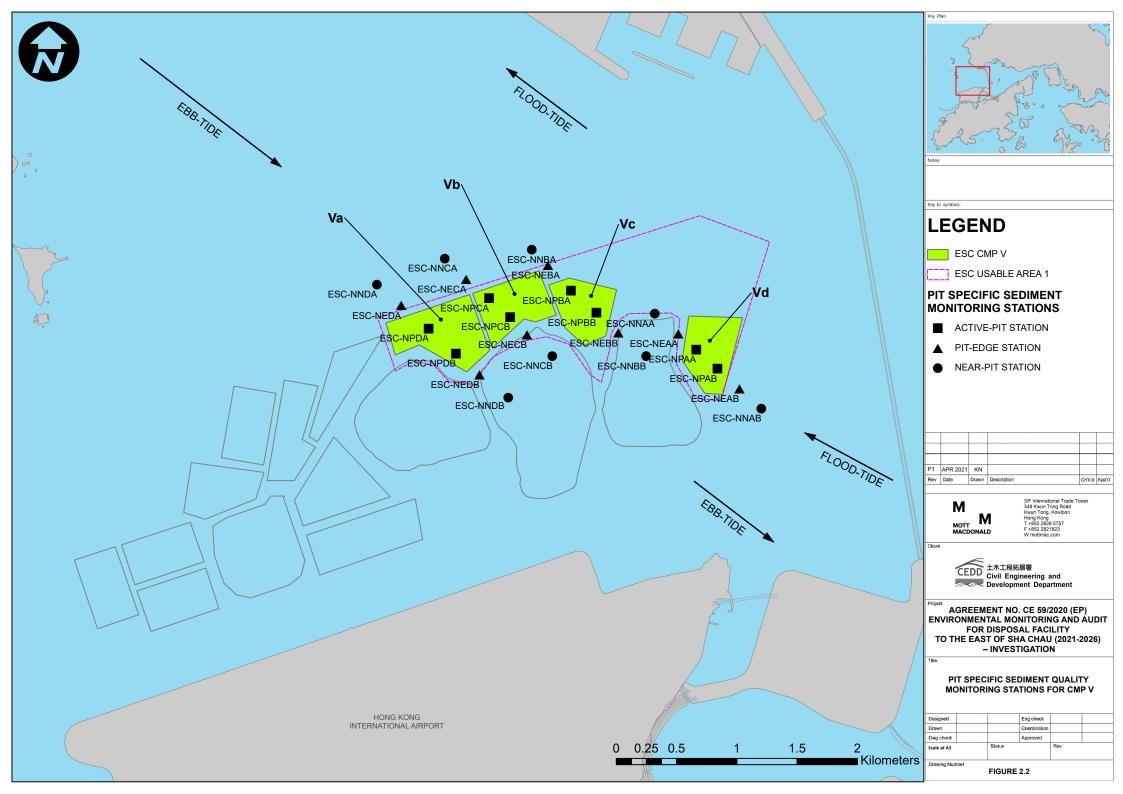
#### 3.2 Study Programme

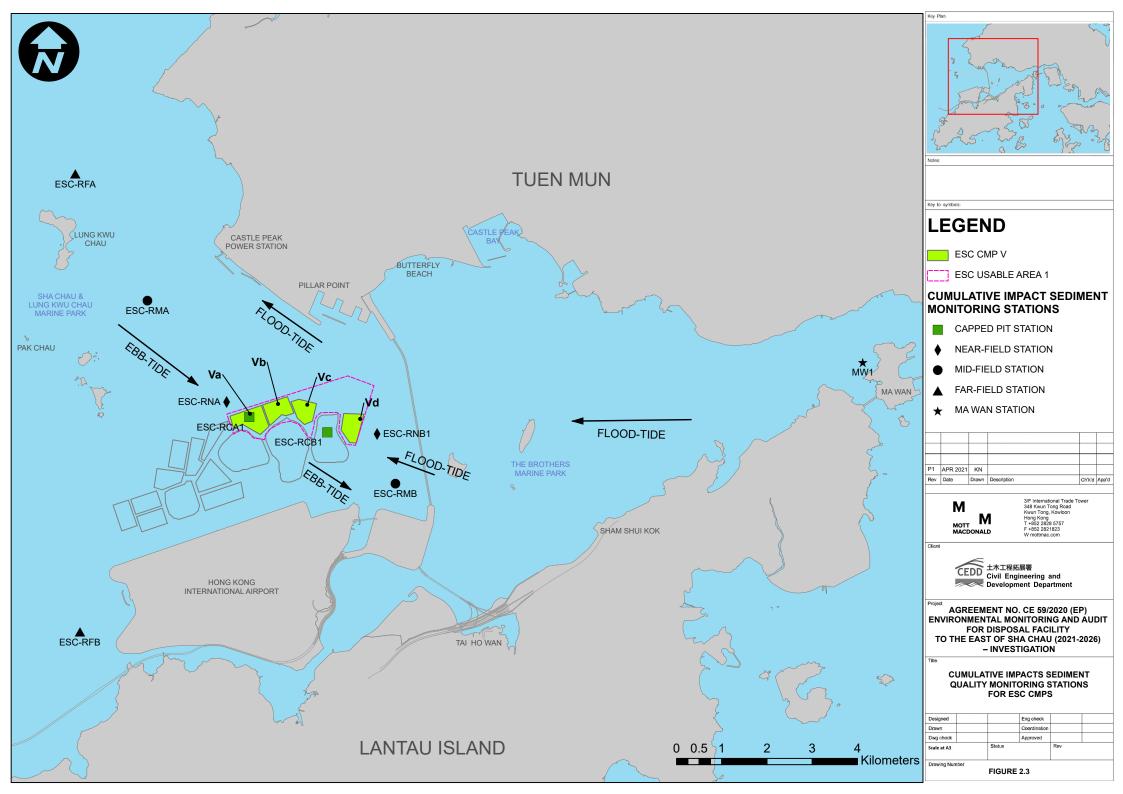
A summary of the Study Programme is presented in Appendix D.

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## **Appendix A. Sampling Schedule**

## East of Sha Chau CMPs Environmental Monitoring and Audit Sampling Schedule (January 2021 - March 2026)

Parameter / Station Type Pit Specific Sediment Ch		Frequency	2021 Jan Feb	Mar Apr	r May Ji	un Jul A	ug Sep C	Oct Nov	202 Dec Jan	2 Feb Mar	Apr Ma	y Jun Ju	I Aug	Sep Oct No	v Dec	2023 Jan Feb Ma	r Apr Ma	ay Jun Ju	ul Aug S	ep Oct I	Nov Dec	2024 Jan Feb I	Mar Apr	May Jun	Jul Aug	Sep Oct	Nov Dec	2025 Jan Feb	Mar Apr	May Ju	n Jul Au	g Sep Oct	Nov Dec	2026 Jan Feb Mar
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(2) For the planned Routine Water Quality Monitoring (i.e. the numbers of replicates per monitoring station shown in black), the monitoring will be conducted at mid-ebb OR mid-flood tide. The yearly tidal selection of this monitoring will be based on a principle to obtain 6 months monitoring data at mid-ebb, and 6 months monitoring data at mid-flood.

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 \* To enable the required Research Fishing Permit could be granted by the time undertaking the Demensal Trawling, trawling originally scheduled in July and August 2022 was postponed to August and September 2022.

# Appendix B. Water Quality Monitoring Results



Parameters	Action	Limit
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	Surface and Middle Depth <sup>(2)</sup>	Surface and Middle Depth <sup>(2)</sup>
in mg L <sup>-1</sup> (Surface, Middle & Bottom) <sup>(1)</sup>	5%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = <b>3.76</b>	1%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = <b>3.11</b> <sup>(3)</sup>
	and	and
	Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)	Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)
	Bottom	Bottom
	5%-ile of baseline data for surface and middle layer = <b>2.96</b>	The average of the impact station readings are < <b>2</b>
	and	and
	Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)	Significantly less than the reference station's mean DO (at the same tide of the same day)
Suspended Solids (SS) in mg L <sup>-1</sup>	95%-ile of baseline data for depth- averaged = <b>37.88</b>	99%-ile of baseline data for depth- averaged = 61.92
(depth-averaged) <sup>(5)</sup>	and	and
	120% of control station's SS at the same tide of the same day	130% of control station's SS at the same tide of the same day
Turbidity	95%-ile of baseline data = 28.14	99%-ile of baseline data = <b>38.32</b>
in NTU	and	and
(depth-averaged) <sup>(4)(5)</sup>	120% of control station's Turbidity at the same tide of the same day	130% of control station's Turbidity at the same tide of the same day

## Table B1: Action and Limit Levels of Water Quality for Dredging, Disposal and Capping Activities at ESC CMP V

Notes:

1. For DO, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is lower than the limits.

2. Action and Limit Levels for DO for Surface and Middle layers were calculated from the combined pool of baseline surface layer data and baseline middle layer data.

 Given the Action Level for DO for Surface and Middle layers has already been lower than 4 mg L<sup>-1</sup>, it is proposed to set the Limit Level at 3.11 mg L<sup>-1</sup> which is the first percentile of the baseline data.

4. "Depth-averaged" is calculated by taking the arithmetic means of reading of all three depths.

5. For turbidity and SS, non-compliance of the water quality limits occurs when monitoring result is higher than the limits.



#### Table B2: Water Column Profiling Results for ESC CMP Vb in August 2023

Station	Temp.	Salinity	Turbidity	Dissolve	ed Oxygen	рН	Suspended Solids
	(°C)	(ppt)	(NTU)	(%)	(mg L <sup>-1</sup> )		(mg L <sup>-1</sup> )
WCP 1 (Downstream)	29.38	26.38	8.51	68.20	4.50	7.92	5.5
WCP 2 (Upstream)	29.52	26.45	9.30	66.66	4.39	7.95	7.5
WQO (Wet Season)	N/A	23.80-29.09#	N/A	N/A	>4	6.5-8.5	11.7

Notes:

1. \* Not exceeding 10% of natural ambient level which is the result obtained from the Reference Station.

2. Cell shaded yellow / red indicates value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.

3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.

#### Table B3: In-situ Monitoring Results for Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs in August 2023

Station	Temp.	Salinity	Turbidity	Dissolve	d Oxygen	рН
	(°C)	(ppt)	(NTU)	(%)	(mg L <sup>-1</sup> )	
RFF (Reference)	29.56	25.64	3.38	75.38	4.98	7.90
IPF (Impact)	29.50	25.70	3.84	71.61	4.74	7.87
INF (Intermediate)	29.57	25.37	3.21	75.70	5.01	7.88
Ma Wan	29.18	26.61	1.01	73.18	4.84	7.89
WQO (Wet Season)	N/A	23.08-28.20#	N/A	N/A	>4	6.5-8.5

Notes:

1. \* Not exceeding 10% of natural ambient level which is the result obtained from the Reference Station.

2. Cell shaded yellow / red indicates value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.

3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.



## Table B4: Laboratory Results for Dissolved Metals and Metalloid in Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs in August 2023

Station	As	Cd	Cr	Cu	Pb	Hg	Ni	Ag	Zn
	(µg/L)								
RFF	2.19	0.04	0.09	0.62	0.01	0.001	0.92	ND	0.51
IPF	2.32	0.04	0.08	0.61	ND	0.002	0.88	ND	0.58
INF	2.30	0.04	0.08	0.66	ND	0.001	0.96	ND	0.62
Ma Wan	1.95	0.04	0.07	0.59	ND	0.001	0.80	ND	3.58

Note:

1. "ND" indicates the concentrations of metals and metalloids are not detected.

## Table B5: Laboratory Results for Nutrients and Suspended Solid in Routine Water Quality Monitoring of ESC CMPs in August 2023

Station	NH <sub>3</sub>	TIN	<b>BOD</b> ₅	SS
	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)
RFF	0.08	0.69	<lor< td=""><td>6.3</td></lor<>	6.3
IPF	0.06	0.71	<lor< td=""><td>6.8</td></lor<>	6.8
INF	0.06	0.73	<lor< td=""><td>6.5</td></lor<>	6.5
Ma Wan	0.09	0.63	<lor< td=""><td>3.5</td></lor<>	3.5
				WQO of TIN: 0.5 mg/L

Wet Season WQO of SS: 11.7 mg/L

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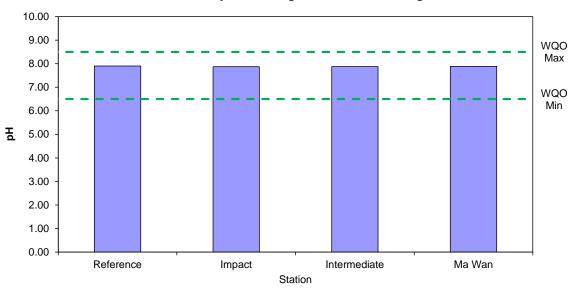
1. "<LOR" indicates the concentrations of contaminants are below the limit of reporting.

2. Cell shaded yellow / red indicates value exceeding the Action/Limit levels.

3. Cell shaded grey indicates value exceeding the WQO.

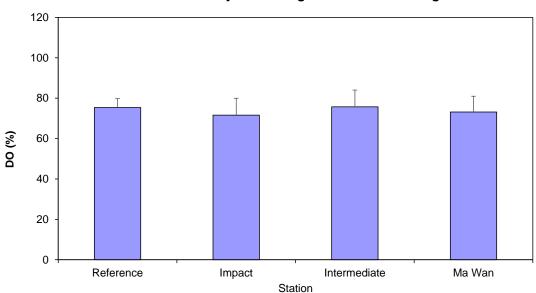
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## **Appendix C. Graphical Presentations**



Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V - August 2023

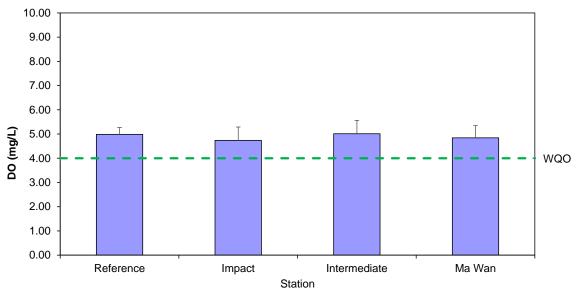
Figure 1: Level of pH recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in August 2023



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Figure 2: Level of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (% saturation; mean + SD) recorded during Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in August 2023

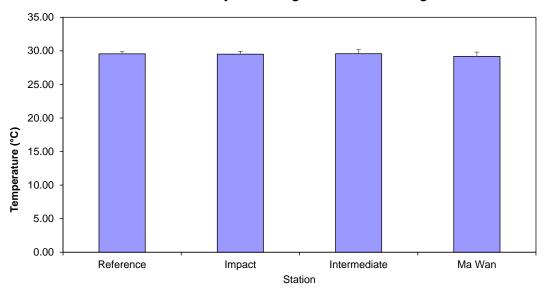
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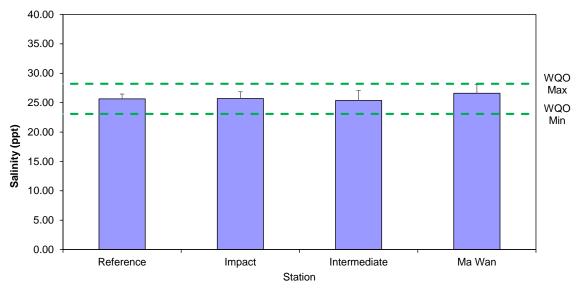
Concentration of Dissolved Oxygen (DO) (mg/L; mean + SD) recorded during Figure 3: Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in August 2023



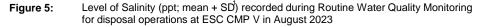
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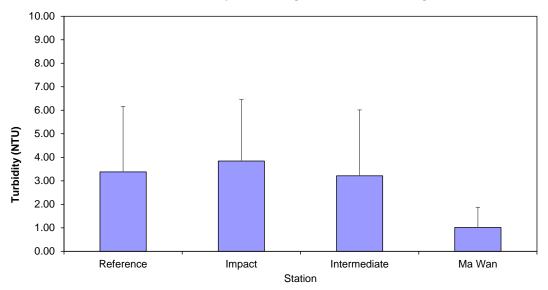
Level of Temperature (°C; mean +  $SD^{1}$ ) recorded during Routine Water Quality Figure 4: Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in August 2023

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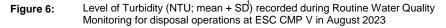


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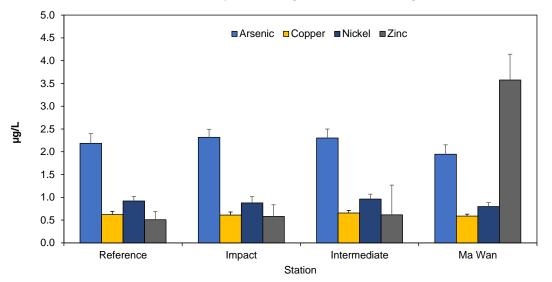


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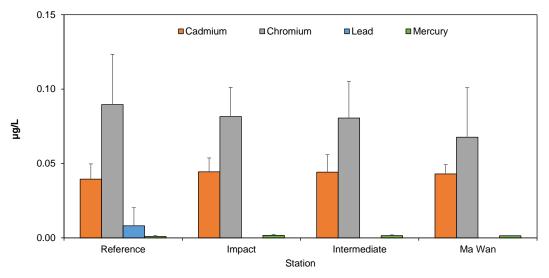
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#### Routine Water Quality Monitoring for ESC CMP V August 2023

Figure 7: Concentration of Arsenic, Copper, Nickel, and Zinc (μg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in August 2023

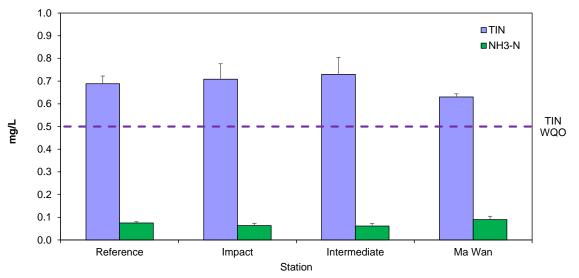


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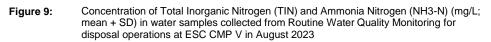
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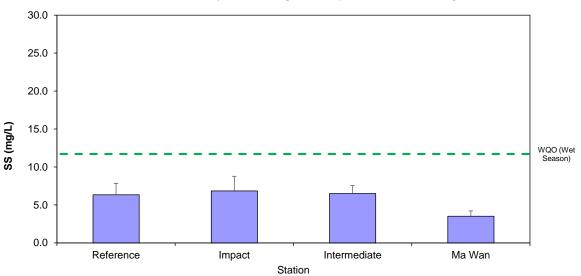
Concentration of Cadmium, Chromium, Lead, Mercury and Silver, ( $\mu$ g/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in August 2023

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#### Routine Water Quality Monitoring for Nutrients - August 2023





#### **Routine Water Quality Monitoring for Suspended Solids - August 2023**

Figure 10 Concentration of Suspended Solids (SS) (mg/L; mean + SD) in water samples collected from Routine Water Quality Monitoring for disposal operations at ESC CMP V in August 2023 M MOTT MACDONALD



#### Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Metal and Metalloid Contaminants at ESC CMP Vb - August 2023

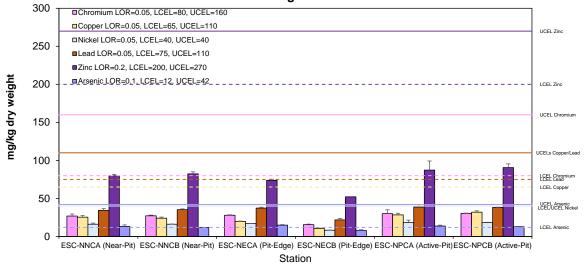
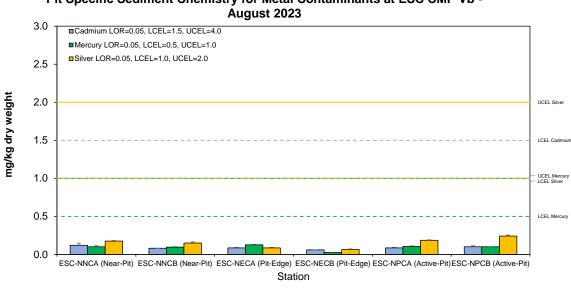
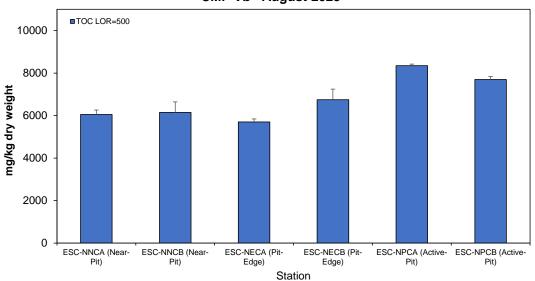


Figure 11: Concentration of Metals and Metalloid (Cr, Cu, Ni, Pb, Zn, As; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in August 2023



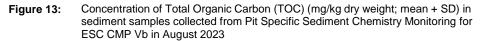
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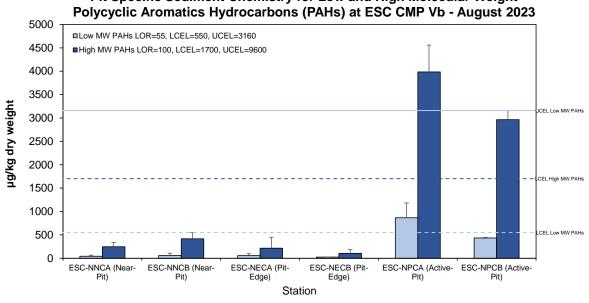
Figure 12: Concentration of Metals (Cd, Hg, Ag; mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in August 2023



Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Total Organic Carbon (TOC) at ESC CMP Vb - August 2023

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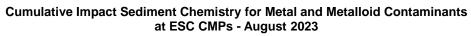


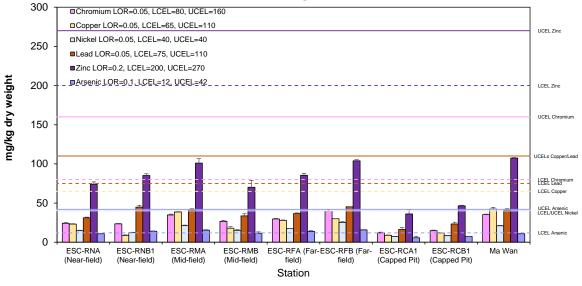


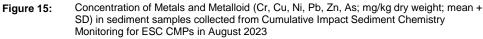
Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry for Low and High Molecular Weight

Concentration of Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatic Figure 14: Hydrocarbons (µg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Pit Specific Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMP Vb in August 2023

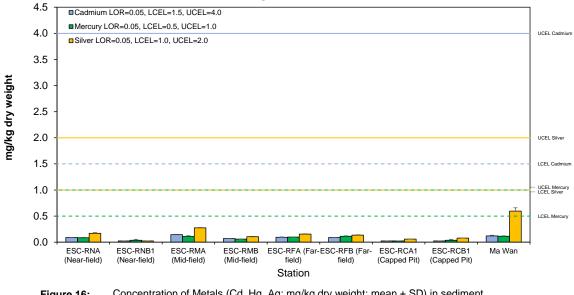
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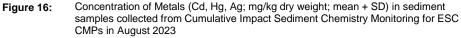




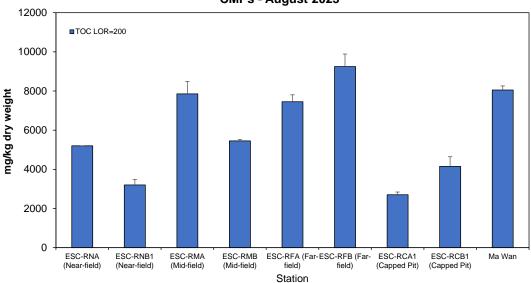


Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry for Metal Contaminants at ESC CMPs -August 2023

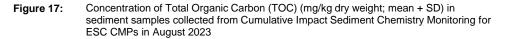


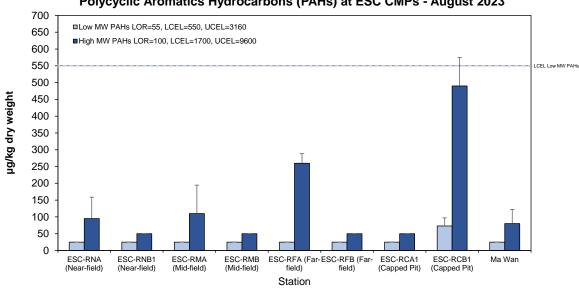






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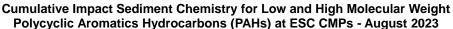
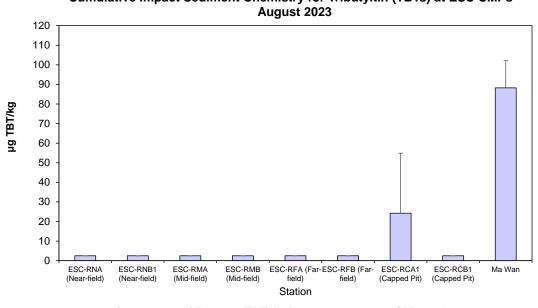
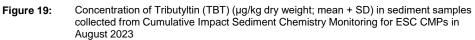


Figure 18: Concentration of Low and High Molecular Weight Polycyclic Aromatics (mg/kg dry weight; mean + SD) in sediment samples collected from Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry Monitoring for ESC CMPs in August 2023

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Cumulative Impact Sediment Chemistry for Tributyltin (TBTs) at ESC CMPs -



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## **Appendix D. Study Programme**

## Study Programme

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10	Final Report of Subsequent Review of EM&A	Nanual (for ESC CMPs) - annual basis assumed	20/05/22	20/05/25		\$		\$		\$		\$			
15	Regular Site Inspections of CMP Contractors		01/04/21	31/03/26											
16	Monthly EM&A Report	Monthly EM&A Report		14/04/26	\$\$\$\$\$\$	••••••••••••••••••••••••••									
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98	Annual EM&A Report		30/01/22	30/01/26		\$	\$		\$		\$		\$		
104	Annual Risk Assessment Report		31/05/22	31/05/26		\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
110	Draft Final Report			30/04/26										•	
111	Final Report			04/06/26										٠	
112	Draft Executive Summary			04/06/26										•	
113	Final Executive Summary			25/06/26										•	
114	EAST OF TUNG LUNG CHAU (ETLC) DISPOSAL FACILITY (MONITORING PERIOD: SEPTEMBER 2021 & MARCH-APRIL 2022)		23/11/21	31/08/22			I								
115	Monthly EM&A Report		23/11/21	06/06/22		$\diamond$ $\diamond \diamond$									
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